

March 27, 1979

LB 66, 435

PRESIDENT: LB 66 passes on Final Reading. The Clerk will now read on Final Reading LB 435.

CLERK: Mr. President, I have a motion on the desk.

PRESIDENT: Read the motion.

CLERK: Senator Haberman moves to return LB 435 to Select File for a specific amendment, that amendment being to strike the enacting clause.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Haberman.

SENATOR HABERMAN: Mr. President and fellow legislators, I've had a lot of input from the people in western Nebraska. There have been some articles in the World Herald. This is a confusing bill. Senator Reutzels has done a lot of work on it, and it bothers me to do this to a bill of Senator Reutzels, but I feel that in one way this bill is opening the door to gun control, and the people of Nebraska are against gun control, and I would ask your support of my amendment to return it to Select File.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Reutzels.

SENATOR REUTZEL: Mr. President and members of the body, this bill has been debated several times on General File and Select File, and I haven't had a chance to read the article by Gene Hornbeck yet. I understand though from conversation yesterday that Mr. Hornbeck's column was edited and he was upset about it, and the column actually did not portray what he wrote, and he was going to try to run a retraction. I don't know if Mr. Hornbeck writes on a daily basis, but as of yet I haven't seen a retraction but he was going to try to do that. This bill is only designed to let the conservation officers enforce the laws already on the books. If there are people in western Nebraska, or any other area, who are upset about it, it is only because they do not understand the bill and they have not read the bill. Now you all should have gotten a letter from the National Rifle Association. I talked with Senator Anderson from the NRA. Some of you in here served with him. He now directs the NRA. He has no problem with the bill. You should have got a letter from their legal counsel saying that they do not oppose this bill. Now if this is gun control legislation, as people are calling in and saying, why does not the National Rifle Association oppose this bill? If you've ever been to Washington, one of the most massive buildings and ornate